

**Amendments to the claims:**

1. (currently amended) Set of materials for packaging an item presents and the like, characterized in that it comprises comprising:

means for containing the item presents, for closing the containing means, for creating a decorative bow "bow", for writing greetings and for indicating the names of the sender and recipient,

wherein the closing means comprise a flap covering the full width of a front face of the containing means and a self-adhesive strip having a width that is substantially the same as a width of the flap and covering an entire width of a border of a rear face of the closing means.

wherein the means for creating the decorative bow is disposed in a flat, laid-out position along the full length of the self-adhesive strip of the closing means and comprises a pair of superimposed ribbons, wherein a pair of superimposed, flat tie-strips is positioned between the pair of superimposed ribbons, wherein the ribbons are joined together by transversally placed pairs of joining points on each side of the pair of tie-strips at a distance from said tie-strips so as to allow the tie-strips to slide freely between the ribbons, said pairs of ribbons and tie-strips being joined together at one end, such that by causing free ends of the ribbons to slide in relation to the tie-strips as far as joined ends of the ribbons and tie-strips, a series of folds that spread out side by side from the joined ends are formed, thereby creating a bow.

2. (currently amended) Set of materials for packaging an item  
~~presents and the like~~ as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the  
containing means substantially consists of an envelope.

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) Set of materials for packaging an item  
~~presents and the like~~ as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the  
means for writing a message consists of an area on the rear face of the envelope  
comprising sides prepared for detachment that permit partial or total removal,  
and at least one non tear-off side, there being fixed, by adhesive or other means,  
to the internal rear face at the position of said area, a patch ~~"patch"~~ to ensure  
continuity of said face even if the area for writing the message is detached or  
folded back onto one non-tear-off side.

6. (currently amended) Set of materials for packaging an item  
~~presents and the like~~ as defined in claim 2 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the  
means for indicating the names of sender and recipient is a label applied to an  
adhesive area on the rear face of the envelope, permitting application of the bow  
on said adhesive area when left free after the label has been transferred to the  
front face of the envelope.

7. (currently amended) Set of materials for packaging an item  
~~presents and the like~~ as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein an~~  
external face of the containing means presents decorative designs.

8. (currently amended) Set of materials for packaging an item  
~~presents and the like~~ as defined in claim 2, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the  
envelope is made of paper.

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) Set of materials for packaging an item  
~~presents and the like~~ as defined in claim 1 [[4]], ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the  
distances between the transversally placed pairs of joining points of the two  
ribbons differ reciprocally.

11. (currently amended) Set of materials for packaging an item  
~~presents and the like~~ as defined in claim 1 [[4]], ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the  
distances between the transversally placed pairs of joining points of the two  
ribbons decrease starting from the area where their ends are joined as the bow is  
created.

12. (currently amended) Set of materials for packaging an item  
~~presents and the like~~ as defined in claim 2 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the  
internal face of the area for writing a message presents a self-adhesive layer  
allowing it to be removed and applied to any other part of the envelope.